

## NOTES FROM NATIONAL JOINT COMMITTEE

Children from the Langham home have been spending holidays with “adopters” and friends. The Essex County Telegraph reports that one went to the Norfolk Broads, where he fished and swam and canoed and tanned. Maricha regularly had breakfast in bed, and played with the young daughter of the house. Maria Luz helped to wash up and make beds, and caused much hilarity by trying to teach Spanish. Felix and Argentina went fruit-picking daily in Nottingham, and Felix collected £3.19s. at a Bank Holiday sports meeting.

Albina and Francisca Osa, from the Langham home, have evidently made a great success of their fortnight's holiday with the Middleton Peace Pledge Union, who are the “adopters” of Albina. The children had an interesting and exciting time, which included a motor run to Grange-over-Sands, a visit to Birkenhead, and another to Manchester Docks to see the Spanish cargo boat, Bartolo. The *Blackley Guardian* says that “ the visit of the Misses Osa was an event eagerly looked forward to by their Middleton friends, who will long treasure the happy time spent in the Spanish girls' company. The way in which Francisca and Albina responded to the wishes of their host and hostess and the sincere appreciation of all that has been done to make their holiday a happy one, has made a lasting impression and installed an even greater desire to do whatever is possible to lighten their heavy burden.”

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### JESSIE MATTHEWS AND THE CHILDREN

#### VISIT TO COLCHESTER

In the middle of November a party took place at the home in Colchester in honour of Jessie Matthews who went there specially to see the children dance, and to judge whether their standard was good enough for a performance in the West End. Jessie Matthews was much impressed by the standard of their dancing, and by the concentration and lack of staginess in which they performed. She gave the opinion that many of them had a real talent. It is interesting to notice that at the Third Spanish Concert in the Scala Theatre, on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, organised by the Spanish Womens' Committee for Help to Spain, an item by a team of Basque children had an honoured place.

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